

Mr. Dulles:

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[redacted] just before

He merely

wanted to convey to you certain reactions he has received during the past week or so around New York. This is based on his own observations and on various conversations he has had with correspondents covering the U. N. activities.

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According to [redacted] the discussion among western correspondents, U. S. and otherwise, is generally unfavorable concerning the effort the United States has put into its representation at the U. N. They feel that the U. S. must do a better job, should have more and higher ranking representation present to cope with the high-ranking delegations from the rest of the countries, and in general the entire U. S. effort needs stronger leadership and a considerable beefing up. As one simple illustration, he mentioned that Wadsworth gave a fine speech the other day but that the same speech by Secretary Herter would have carried greater weight and would have received a good deal more press play. He suggested that when you had an opportunity, you might try and take a look at the article by Rovere in the latest New Yorker which goes somewhat along these lines.

You probably noticed in Sunday's Washington Post that Chalmers Roberts also took a strong line similar to the above.

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